

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 981

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Samantha Satterfield on her selection as the 2021–2022 Sevier County School System Grades 9-12 Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Samantha Satterfield is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Satterfield has been selected as the 2021–2022 Sevier County School System Grades 9-12 Teacher of the Year, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a teacher at Sevier County High School, Samantha Satterfield is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Satterfield earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Child and Family Studies and Early Childhood Education; she later added a high school endorsement to her teaching licensure and advocated to start the only "Teaching as a Profession" program in Sevier County in an effort to prepare future teachers; and

WHEREAS, she is currently enrolled at East Tennessee State University, where she will graduate with a Doctor of Education degree in Educational Leadership with Administrative Endorsement; and

WHEREAS, she began her teaching career in 2017 and has since supported both students and professionals through a new pathway initiative, named "Grow Your Own"; she is the instructor of the "Teaching as a Profession" and "Human and Social Sciences" programs at her school; and

WHEREAS, with a passion for education since her youth, Mrs. Satterfield volunteered her time throughout high school to mentor and tutor students in her community; during her college career, she served as a substitute teacher and also facilitated an after-school tutoring program for herself and her peers; and

WHEREAS, an exceptional and influential leader of her community, Mrs. Satterfield serves on several local advisory boards to ensure that local students are the top priority; and

WHEREAS, she is most grateful for the love and support of her husband, Robert; her twin sons, Mason and Weston; and her daughter, Emerson; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Satterfield serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Samantha Satterfield truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Samantha Satterfield on being chosen as the 2021–2022 Sevier County School System Grades 9-12 Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.